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Mr. WILLIAMS of Harford, Chairman.

REPORT



OF

THE SELECT COMMITTEE

IN RELATION TO

The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, March 15, 1839.

Read and ordered to be printed.

By order,

GEO. G. BREWER, Clerk,

The select committee, to whom was referred the inquiry ordered by the House of Delegates on the 11th of February last, report as follows—

As the committee have understood the instructions given to them

by said order, it was made their duty to inquire,

Ist. Whether a union or connexion in some way had not been formed between the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company, and the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike and Rail Road Company?

2d. Whether, if such connexion had taken place, it has not been formed without authority therefor under their charters, and in viola-

tion of their chartered privileges?

3d. Whether, by such proceedings as may have been had by or on the part of the said companies to effect any union or connexion as aforesaid, a forfeiture of the charters of said companies, or of the charter of either of them, or a liability to forfeit the same, has not been incurred?

4th. Whether the first named company has not lately increased

their rates or charges?